

REMARKS

Claims 5 and 13 have been cancelled. Thus, Claims 1-4, 6-12 and 14-16 are currently pending in the present application, of which Claims 1 and 9 have been amended.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Cohen et al.* (US 6,073,199). Applicants respectfully traverse such rejection insofar as it might apply to the claims as amended herein.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 5 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any respective intervening claims. Because the contents of Claims 5 and 13 have been incorporated in Claims 1 and 9, respectively, the § 102 rejection is believed to be overcome.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-4, 6-12 and 14-16 are currently pending in the present application. For the reasons stated above, Applicants believe that independent Claims 1 and 9 along with their respective dependent claims are in condition for allowance. The remaining prior art cited by the Examiner but not relied upon has been reviewed and is not believed to show or suggest the claimed invention.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any addition fee or extension of time is required for the prosecution of this application, please charge it against IBM Deposit Account No. 09-0456.

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